RE: RE: NAE 2017-1342 - CMP NECEC comment letter

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Wed 4/24/2019 9:01 AM

To: Kern, Mark <kern.mark@epa.gov>; LeClair, Jacqueline <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov>

Cc: Timmermann, Timothy <Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov>; Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov>

Hi Mark,

The briefing went well and Ken supports our approach to the comments. I am currently editing the letter to include input from Ken, Jane, Tim and myself. I hope to have these edits done by lunch. Then I'll send it around for additional edits, after which we need to pass it over to Jane and Deb.

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----Original Message----

From: Kern, Mark

Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 08:57

To: Margason, Nathan <Margason.Nathan@epa.gov>; LeClair, Jacqueline <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov> Cc: Timmermann, Timothy <Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov>; Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov> Subject: RE: RE: NAE 2017-1342 - CMP NECEC comment letter

Sorry, I did not have enough of a heads-up to fit this in yesterday.

How did it go? Do they want any changes or am I free to finish up this letter and get it signed?

Thanks, Mark

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From: Margason, Nathan

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 9:44 AM

To: Kern, Mark <kern.mark@epa.gov>; Marsh, Michael <marsh.mike@epa.gov>; LeClair, Jacqueline <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov>

Cc: Timmermann, Timothy <Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov>; Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov> Subject: RE: RE: NAE 2017-1342 - CMP NECEC comment letter

Hi Mark,

We will be briefing Ken this morning at 10:00. Did you want to call in?

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From: Kern, Mark

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 09:39

To: Marsh, Michael <marsh.mike@epa.gov>; LeClair, Jacqueline <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov>

Cc: Timmermann, Timothy <Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov>; Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov>;

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Great. Thanks Mike.

I will plan on finishing it up on Wednesday.

Does anyone know when the briefing / coordination is with Ken?

Thanks, Mark

----Original Message----

From: Marsh, Michael

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 8:34 PM

To: LeClair, Jacqueline <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov>; Kern, Mark <kern.mark@epa.gov>

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All - I am through with my edits and language additions to the NECEC letter. I have gone through and accepted the vast majority of changes/edits, with a few exceptions where I thought that issues still needed to be resolved and I thought that leaving the markup language in place might help folks do final edits. Please refer to comments in the margin. As it is, I think the letter is in pretty good shape, about 90-95% complete.

I do think it is important to confirm specific numbers used to describe the project itself (e.g., miles of corridors, etc.) and, more importantly, specific numbers used to describe impacts. We can always generalize or use terms like "approximately" if we are uncertain about specific numbers. See margin comments regarding this, and for additional remaining issues. Obviously, we will need to accept changes and remove all comments prior to finalizing the letter.

For everyone's reference, I included a margin note at the top of the letter that copies the project description from the State Site Location application. There is the possibility that this information does

not include some project revisions, but it seems close to the project description presented in the PN.

Also, I think we need to decide how strongly we are going to point out to the Corps that we were not included in coordination on the project, and how that has contributed to our need for additional information and time to review it.

I will be on vacation starting tomorrow, and will not be back until May 6, when I will be working at home.

I hope all goes well in the briefing with Ken.

Mike

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-----Original Message-----From: LeClair, Jacqueline

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 6:10 PM To: Kern, Mark <kern.mark@epa.gov>

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Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov>; Margason, Nathan <Margason.Nathan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: voicemail

When Mike and I spoke before he left for vacation we both agreed that getting the comments in now was advisable.

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> On Apr 22, 2019, at 5:13 PM, Kern, Mark < kern.mark@epa.gov > wrote:

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> I would vote with Tim on this one. How much more can we do with the 10 days?
> If we use the additional 10 days, I have a modest amount of time, but not a lot. Plus all the
coordination, both at our level and for folks above us.
> Unless Mike or someone, not named Mark, has time to really get into this, I think we should send what
we have.
> By the way, where does all the coordination stand?
> Mark
> ----Original Message-----
> From: Timmermann, Timothy
> Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 2:26 PM
> To: Marsh, Michael <marsh.mike@epa.gov>; Kern, Mark
> <kern.mark@epa.gov>; Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov>; Margason,
> Nathan <Margason.Nathan@epa.gov>
> Cc: LeClair, Jacqueline <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: voicemail
> Entirely your call.
> But if you decide to take the extra ten days but will not be able to use that time to review the
submitted information it might be better to just get the comments in to the Corps.
> My 2 cents
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> ----Original Message-----
> From: Marsh, Michael
> Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 5:46 PM
> To: Kern, Mark < kern.mark@epa.gov>; Timmermann, Timothy
> <Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov>; Alafat, Beth <alafat.beth@epa.gov>;
> Margason, Nathan < Margason.Nathan@epa.gov>
> Cc: LeClair, Jacqueline <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov>
> Subject: FW: voicemail
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> All - This afternoon, Jackie and I left a voicemail message with Jay Clement to see if the Corps would consider issuing another public notice for the CMP NECEC project. The following is Jay's response. No plans to issue another notice at this time. This does and should not preclude us from recommending in our letter that the Corps issue another public notice. Also, note that Jay does mention the "typical 10 day extension" period for EPA comments. While this would still be an inadequate amount of time to conduct a meaningful review, we may wish to take advantage of the 10 day period after the closing date of the PN if necessary to get our comment letter finalized.

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    Mike
    -----Original Message----
    From: Clement, Jay L CIV USARMY CENAE (US)
    <Jay.L.Clement@usace.army.mil>
    Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 4:16 PM
    To: Marsh, Michael <marsh.mike@epa.gov>; LeClair, Jacqueline
    <Leclair.Jackie@epa.gov>
    Subject: voicemail
    Jackie/Mike:
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> We have no plans for an additional notice at this time. If that changes we will let you know. But don't count on it and be prepared to provide comment that at least frame up EPA's position by the close of the PN or the close of your typical 10 day extension.

> > Jay